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SUBJECT: ECHEVERRIA AS A POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR TO WALDHEIM

1. MOST MEXICO CITY DAILIES FRONT-PAGED ARY MOLEON (AP) DISPATCH DATED WASHINGTON THIS MORNING REPORTING FAVORABLE PROSPECTS FOR PRES. ECHEVERRIA AS A POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR TO KURT WALDHEIM AS UN SEC GEN. MOLEON NOTES THAT LATIN AMERICA HAS NOT YET HAD THE SEC GENSHIP, PARTLY BECAUSE OF LA COUNTRIES' MILITARY TIES TO U.S. THROUGH RIO TREATY. WITH DETENTE, HOWEVER, AND PARTICULARLY WITH ECHEVERRIA'S OWN CLEARLY-ESTABLISHED INDEPENDENCE OF U.S. TUTELAGE, A CANDIDATE SUCH AS MEXICAN PRESIDENT MIGHT WIN SUPPORT FROM OTHER REGIONS OF WORLD INCLUDING COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. IRONICALLY, MOLEON CONCLUDES, U.S. ITSELF MIGHT FIND ECHEVERRIA HARD TO SWALLOW.

2. OFFICIAL REACTION HERE TO MOLEON ARTICLE CAME FROM FAUSTO ZAPATA, SUBSECRETARY OF PRESIDENCY, WHO SAID THAT ECHEVERRIA STILL HAD 18 MONTHS TO SERVE "IN HIGHEST POSITION TO WHICH A MEXICAN CAN ASPIRE" AND THAT ALL HIS ENERGIES WERE DIRECTED TO FULFILLING THAT RESPONSIBILITY. NEVERTHELESS, ADDED ZAPATA, AT THE END OF HIS TERM, ECHEVERRIA MIGHT VERY WELL CONSIDER THE DISTINGUISHED

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APPOINTMENT FOR WHICH HE HAS BEEN MENTIONED.

3. COMMENT: PRES. ECHEVERRIA'S INTEREST IN AN HIGH  
INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN AN OPEN SECRET FOR MANY  
MONTHS AND IS REGARDED AS ONE OF THE MOTIVATING FACTORS  
IN HIS MARATHON DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY (AIMED INCREASINGLY  
AT CURRYING MEXICO'S THIRD WORLD TIES AND HIS OWN  
REPUTATION FOR INDEPENDENCE OF THE U.S.). NEVERTHELESS,  
ZAPATA'S ADMISSION WAS THE MOST EXPLICIT  
PUBLIC CONFIRMATION OF INTEREST WE HAVE SEEN TO DATE.  
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